February 2018

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Today I met with your child’s class to present *Rules of the Road – Grade 6* which can be found at this link <http://bit.ly/2neqFvz> and included the following:

1. Explaining ***Bristol Township’s New Grading Procedures.*** Please click on this link for complete details. <http://bit.ly/2DNHDKR>
2. Demonstrating access to ***iCampus***. Please click on this link for instructions. <http://bit.ly/2DNHDKR>
3. Reviewing ***Guidance News That You Can Use*** newsletter which provides many resources for all.

Previous newsletters can be found at this link: <http://bit.ly/2pej2Yw>

Bristol Township School District is always working to better serve our students and their parents and guardians. Starting with the school year 2017 – 2018, students will be receiving numerical grades on their progress reports and report cards instead of letter grades. The grading scale will be **90% to 100 %** = A;

**80% to 89%** = B; **70% to 79%** = C; **60% to 69%** = D and **59% or lower** = F**.**

With these new grading procedures, the lowest average a student can earn on an ***assignment*,** ***progress report***, or ***report card*** is **45%** which equals an F. The reason for the new grading procedures is Bristol Township School District wants to provide our students with the opportunity to rebound when their academic performance is lower than expected.

Listed below is an example of a student’s ***iCampus/Parent Portal*** ***Marking Period Grade*** **for the first term 2017**. The ***bottom number, 43.67%,*** reflects the student’s ***Actual Average*** in the subject while the ***top number, 45,*** reflects the student’s average with the minimal score of ***45%*** for each assignment and is referred to as the ***Adjusted Average***. The description of the ***Behavior Grades*** can be found on the expanded version of our ***Bristol Township’s New Grading Procedures*** at this link [http://bit.ly/2DNHDKR on Page 4](http://bit.ly/2DNHDKR%20on%20Page%204).



Bristol Township’s ***Failure for the Year Procedures*** state that if students **fail more than one** **academic subject, *Language Arts/Read 180*, *Math*, *Science*, and/or *Social Studies*,** they must attend Summer School, <http://bit.ly/2oKyV9z>, and must pass that subject (or subjects), or they will be retained in their current grade. Also, if students exceed the attendance mandate and do not attend an attendance completion program as required, they will be retained in their current grade.



Listed below is an example of a student’s grades for the full school year. \***Please remember that a student must earn a *Final Grade* of 60% to pass the Subject. \*\***Since the student failed both Science and Social Studies, he/she would be required to attend Bristol Township’s Summer School Program for **one** subject.

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| **Subject** | ***First Marking Period Grade*** | ***Second Marking Period Grade*** | ***Third Marking Period Grade*** | ***Third Marking Period Grade*** | ***Final***  ***Average*** | ***Final Grade*** | **Pass or Fail Subject for the Year Yes/No** | **Attend Summer School 2018**  **Yes/No** |
| **Language Arts/Read 180** | **75 (C)** | **75 (C)** | **45 (F)** | **45 (F)** | **60(D)** | **60(D)\*** | **Yes** | **No** |
| **Math** | **47(F)** | **50(F)** | **85(B)** | **96(A)** | **69.5(D)** | **70(C)\*** | **Yes** | **No** |
| **Science** | **82(B)** | **45(F)** | **45(F)** | **45(F)** | **54.25(F)** | **54(F)\*\*** | **No** | **Yes** |
| **Social Studies** | **65(D)** | **45(F)** | **62(D)** | **62(D)** | **58.5(F)** | **59(F)\*\*** | **No** | **Yes** |

**Do I Need to Attend Summer School?**

**Track Your Progress**

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| **Subject** | ***First Marking Period Grade*** | ***Second Marking Period Grade*** | ***Third Marking Period Grade*** | ***Third Marking Period Grade*** | ***Final***  ***Average*** | ***Final Grade*** | **Pass or Fail Subject for the Year Yes/No** | **Attend Summer School 2018**  **Yes/No** |
| **Language Arts/Read 180** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Math** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Science** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Social Studies** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Calculating Final Grade for a Subject**

**90% to 100 % = A 80% to 89% = B 70% to 79% = C 60% to 69% = D 59% or lower = F**

***First Marking Period Grade***  +

**Add it to the *Second Marking Period Grade*** **+**

**Add it to the *Third Marking Period Grade*** **+**

**Add it to the *Fourth Marking Period Grade*  + \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Total**  **= *Sum***

**Sum ÷ Number of Terms = Final Average *Final Grade*  \*Please click on this link** <http://bit.ly/2DNHDKR>

**Page 3 on the *District Grading Procedures***

***with G.P.A. Calculations and Student Worksheet***

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***Numerator* *Denominator* *Quotient***

Please let me know if you have any questions by calling 267.599.2274 or emailing me at [karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org](mailto:karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org).

Sincerely,

Karla Davis Jones

Eighth and Sixth Grade (Black Team) School Counselor

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| BTSD Tiger - Image.jpg | *Guidance News That You Can Use* Features available resources on Miss Jones’ Guidance Department webpage ***Guidance News That You Can Use*.** |
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| |  | | --- | |  |   Armstrong Middle School  475 Wistar Road  Fairless Hills, PA 19030  267.599.2270 (Office)  Karla Davis Jones, M.Ed.  School Counselor  Gr. 6 (Black Team) & Gr. 8  Editor  [karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org](mailto:karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org)  267.599.2274 (Voice Mail)  267.599.2299 (Fax)  <http://bit.ly/2ht66WQ>  C:\Users\Karla\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\static_qr_code_without_logo.jpg  Copyright 2018    **Students, please take this newsletter home to your parents or guardians and together read about the many additional resources available from the webpage Guidance News That You Can Use.**  **Please click on the link below to connect.**  <http://bit.ly/2ht66WQ>  **Parents and Guardians, if you have any questions about getting “plugged in,” please call Miss Jones, School Counselor at 267.599.2274, or, Mrs. Paula Page, Guidance Secretary at 267.599.2265.**  Karla Davis Jones ©2018 | Dear Sixth Grade Students, Parents, and Guardians,  As the ***Second Marking Period 2017*** comes to a close, I wanted to ask you to complete the following *Student, Parents, and Guardians Action Items* large-right-check-166.6-6151[1]by doingthe following:  C:\Users\Karla\Desktop\iCampus Screen Shot 932017.png**Review your child’s report card by clicking on this link** <http://bit.ly/2dHB1N8> **for iCampus/Parent Portal login instructions** **for you and your child. I**f you need your *iCampus* Access Code or help getting logged in, please contact Mrs. Paula Page, Guidance Secretary, at 267-599-2265.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Third Interim Progress Report available on iCampus | Friday, March 2, 2018 | | Third Marking Period Ends | Friday, April 6, 2018 | | Report Card Available on iCampus | Week of April 16, 2018 |   Please also remember to keep us informed of any changes in your mailing and email addresses, home and cellphone numbers, and emergency contact information.  Say **yes** to receiving notifications from our ***6th Grade Student Body Google Classroom 2017-2018*** regarding many announcements. Simply open your email account, double check your Spam folder, and find an email from ***Google Classroom.*** Inside the email you will read instructions asking if you want to  [Google Classroom](http://classroom.google.com/)receive notifications about your child’s Google Classroom. If you did not receive an email invitation, please contact Mrs. Paula Page, Guidance Secretary, at 267-599-2265. Please note that your child already receives these notifications.  Once you **accept** the invitation, you will join your child in receiving notifications such as the ***School-Wide Announcements*.** To read the current announcements, please click on this link:  <http://bit.ly/2eT7a7D>  **Absence** Please email your child’s absence notes to Mrs. Jill Stinson at:  **Notes**  [jill.stinson@bristoltwpsd.orgjill.stinson@bristoltwpsd.org](mailto:jill.stinson@bristoltwpsd.org). Students with **three or more unexcused** **absences** will be required to meet with Mrs. Rothberg, Home and School Visitor. Any student with **ten** **absences, excused or unexcused**, will be required to have a doctor’s notes for any future absences. Students have **ten days** from the day they return to turn in their absence note. Please click on this link: <http://bit.ly/2g9dRWg> for more details about our ***Attendance Policy***.    Description: MC900431561[1]  Listed below are additional resources that I hope you will find useful.  **The Bucks County Free Library**  No computer?  No problem!  The Bucks County Free Library provides the public free internet access using our computers.  With your library card and pin number, the computers can be used for up to four hours  a day.   You can browse the internet for your research project and then print the pages you need for 20 cents each.  Color pages are $1 each.   The library computers have Word, and Publisher installed for word processing.  Power Point is available, too.  The library website, [www.buckslib.org](http://www.buckslib.org/),  offers online resources for research and learning. PowerLibrary will help you find the answers you need.  Brainfuse offers online tutors and help with writing skills.  Newspapers can be accessed through Newsbank.  How do you get a library card? Stop into any branch with a current picture ID. You'll need a parent or guardian with you if you are 14 or under. Library cards are available to people who live, work or go to school in Bucks County.  The Levittown branch is located at [7311 New Falls Road](https://maps.google.com/?q=7311+New+Falls+Road&entry=gmail&source=g).  We're waiting to help.    ***Community Opportunities – Student Volunteer or Participation***  The listing provides our students with the organizations and contact information for Bucks County organizations that provide volunteer or participation opportunities.  Please click on this link: <http://bit.ly/2r95rPl>. Please check back frequently as new opportunities are always being added.  ***New District Grading Procedures with G.P.A. Calculations and Student Worksheet***  This document discusses topics many components that contribute to a student’s report card such as the grading procedures, Armstrong’s Honor Society 2017 – 2018 \* Requirements, calculating ones Grade Point Average. Please click on this link <http://bit.ly/2DNHDKR> to read the complete document.  ***Guidance News That You Can Use Newsletter***  During our Open House, I hope that you received a copy of my newsletter  ***Guidance News That You Can Use***.  Please click on this link  <http://bit.ly/2pej2Yw> to see the current edition and all previous ones as well.  ***Health Insurance Resources – Public Citizens for Children and Youth***  Include directions on how to apply for ***Medical Assistance*** and ***CHIP*** and a child health helpline to assist families over the phone. Please click on this link: <http://bit.ly/2eJrOoY>.    If you have any questions regarding the information presented, please either call or email me at 267.599.2274 (voicemail) or [karla.jones@bristoltwpsd.org](mailto:kjones1@btsd.us).  Sincerely,    Karla Davis Jones, M.Ed., CCSP  Eighth and Sixth Grade (Black Team) School Counselor |

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***Rules of the Road***

***Which Road Will You Choose?***

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| **Don’t follow ROCKS; Respectful, Organized, Cooperative, Kind, and Safe.** | **Follow ROCKS wholeheartedly; Respectful, Organized, Cooperative, Kind, and Safe.** |
| **Turn incomplete work in *late.*** | **Turn in complete work on time.** |
| **Don’t follow *directions* first time given.** | **Follow directions first time given.** |
| ***Blame* others for your mistakes.** | **Take responsibility and apologize for your mistake.** |
| **Arrive to class late and unprepared.** | **Arrive to class on time and prepared.** |
| **When you or someone you know needs serious help keep this information to yourself.** | **When you or someone you know needs serious help ask a trusted adult.** |
| **Say or write inappropriate comments to a person directly or on social media; legal issues.** | **Say or write appropriate comments to a person directly or on social media; gain friendship.** |
| **Treat others with disrespect.** | **Treat others as you want to be treated.** |
| **Befriend people who behave poorly.** | **Befriend people who behave well; you are the company that you keep.** |
| **Don’t eat and sleep well.** | **Eat and sleep well.** |
| **Question: How do you feel about yourself? Become angry or defensive and make yourself look foolish.** | **Question: How do you feel about yourself? *Shake it off* and make yourself look mature.** |

***Guidance Services***

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| ***Name*** | ***Services*** |
| ***Community Opportunities***  ***Student Volunteer or Participation*** | The listing provides our students with the organizations and contact information for Bucks County organizations that provide volunteer or  participation opportunities.  Please click on this link: <http://bit.ly/2r95rP1>.  Please check back frequently as new opportunities are always being added. |
| ***Mediation*** | When a student has a personal conflict with another student(s), his/her guidance counselor can offer them the opportunity to peacefully resolve the issue through mediation. Please see Miss Jones for additional information. |
| ***SAP (Student Assistance Program)*** | The Student Assistance Program provides help for students who are experiencing difficulties because of emotional and/or substance abuse problems. Parents/guardians, teachers, and other students are able to make confidential referrals. Please see Miss Jones for additional information. |
| ***School-based Counseling*** | School-based counseling enables children to receive counseling directly in the school they attend.  Family counseling is also provided and encouraged.  Parents are required to be a part of treatment planning.  Medical Assistance insurance is required.  Please click on this link: <http://bit.ly/2fRTRWZ>. |
| ***School-Wide Announcements*** | On most school days, the school-wide announcements will be listed with the most current appearing first. Be sure and look for any attached document(s) within each announcement.  To read the current announcement please click on this link:  <http://bit.ly/2eT7a7D>. |

***Other Helpful Resources***

***1. Academic Quarterly* Warning Letters**

[***http://bit.ly/2pGrdc0***](http://bit.ly/2pGrdc0)

***2. Guidance News That You Can Use Newsletter***

[***http://bit.ly/2pej2Yw***](http://bit.ly/2pej2Yw)

***3. Mandated Reporting***

<http://bit.ly/2yN86Gj>

***4. Attendance Policy***

<http://bit.ly/2g9dRWG>

***5. Ninth Grade Course Codes***

http://bit.ly/2oJNkiF

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| **Organization** | **Services Provided** | **Contact Information** |
| **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bucks County** | Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bucks County pairs children with responsible, caring mentors. By meeting with their “Big” one-on-one twice a month, children have a chance to see their unlimited potential and develop into even more responsible, successful, well-rounded individuals.  **Armstrong webpage:** <http://bit.ly/2gkbGNC> | Maura Bocan  Enrollment and Match Manager  2875 York Rd.  Jamison, PA 18929  215-343-8260 x121  [Maura@bbbsbc.org](mailto:Maura@bbbsbc.org) |
| **Boy Scouts of America – Troop 123** | Scouts offer an opportunity for boys to learn team building skills, leadership roles and tons of fun with hiking, camping, and a variety of sports and science merit badges. The list goes on and on of what you can achieve.  Ask Mr. Simmons about opportunities regarding the Venture Program which is designed for both boys and girls ages 14 to 21. <http://www.scouting.org/> | 7405 New Falls Road  Levittown, PA 19055  Asst. Scout Master Scott Simmons 215-359-7138  Tuesdays: 7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. |
| **Bristol Township Police Explorer Post #960 Program** | The **Bristol Township Police Explorer Cadet Program** is set up as an early introduction to various aspects of law enforcement. The program is sponsored by the Bristol Township Police Department and is charted through the Learning for Life Division of the Boy Scouts of America. The Explorers are young men and women ages 14-20 who have an interest in law enforcement and related fields.  As an explorer you will be given the chance to learn and participate in the following:   * Handcuffing Techniques > Patrol Procedures / Report Writing > Traffic/ Crime Scene Investigation > Vehicle / Subject Stops > Assist with Traffic and Crowd Control at different events in the area, and a Whole Lot More! * Meetings are held one night a week at the Bristol Township Police Headquarter at 2501 Bath Road Bristol Pa. 19007. * Currently the meeting is Monday night at 1800-2000hrs, 6pm-8pm. | Officer Anthony DeSilva #55  2501 Bath Road, Bristol Pa. 19007  Phone: 267-812-3045  Email: [adesilva55@bristoltownship.org](mailto:adesilva55@bristoltownship.org) |
| **Bucks County Free Library** | Your Bucks County Free Library card allows you to borrow books, audio books, DVD's, magazines, toys and games as well as gives you access to both recreational and informational  e-resources. Check our online calendar for special events and story times.  **Armstrong webpage:** [www.buckslib.org](http://www.buckslib.orglangleym@buckslib.org) | Maureen Langley  Youth Services Librarian  Bucks County Free Library  7311 New Falls Road  Levittown, PA 19055 |

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| **Organization** | **Services Provided** | **Contact Information** |
| **Buck County SPCA** | We have a junior volunteer program. This program is for individuals between the age of 13 and 17 years old who must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. You must be at least 13 years old and have a parent or legal guardian willing to volunteer and complete the training. | Diana Hamilton, Volunteer Manager  Bucks County SPCA  Phone: 267-347-4674 Ext. 106  Email: [dhamilton@bcspca.org](mailto:dhamilton@bcspca.org) |
| **Bighorn Paleontological Institute** | Paleontology and Earth Science research, education, and outreach. We lead paleontological (dinosaur hunting!) expeditions to the Bighorn Basin of Montana & Wyoming each summer. | Jason Schein  [JSchein@BBPaleo.org](mailto:JSchein@BBPaleo.org)  610-996-1055 |
| **Delaware Valley Paleontological Society** | DVPS is a non-profit group that promotes Paleontology through field trips, lectures at the Academy of Natural Sciences and educational outreach programs. | Bill Shankle  wjshankle@gmail.com  [732-278-4560](tel:(732)%20278-4560) |
| **Girl Scouts – Service Unit 632** | Girl Scouts offer an opportunity for girls grades K-12 to develop team building, self esteem, and leadership skills.  Girls earn badges while having fun.  Proceeds from our famous cookie sale go to various adventures for girls of all ages.  To join go to **GSEP website:** [www.gsep.org](http://www.gsep.org/). | |  | | --- | | Kathy Trolli  Riverside United Girls Scouts  215-943-1392  Gsepsu632@gmail.com | |
| **Families Living Well** | St. Mary Medical Center is committed to empowering Bucks county children and their families to live healthier by providing the tools and resources to make the healthy choice easier. In a collaborative approach St. Mary partners with physicians, nurses, school districts, local farm programs, recreational programs and other community partners to bring the programs to families across Bucks county. Programs include: Kidshape, TeenCuisine, Time for Teens and Farm to Families. [www.stmaryhealthcare.org/flw](http://www.stmaryhealthcare.org/flw);  **For Classes & Programs click on this link** <http://bit.ly/2jrxg21>. | Joann Dorr RN, Manager  St. Mary Medical Center  1201 Langhorne-Newtown Rd. Langhorne PA [19047](mailto:19047%20%7C%20jdorr@stmaryhealthcare.org)  [jdorr@stmaryhealthcare.org](mailto:19047%20%7C%20jdorr@stmaryhealthcare.org) |
| **4-H** | 4-H Veterinary Science and Livestock 101 Programming.  Armstrong webpage: <http://bit.ly/2j969wp>**.** | rab37@psu.edu |
| **Plant a Seed** | The Plant a Seed Inspire a Dream Foundation provides annual scholarships for children ages 10 to 18, to pursue passions and interests outside of school. We connect young people from low-income households to life-altering athletic, artistic, musical and creative activities led by positive role models. Based in Yardley, Pennsylvania, the Plant a Seed Inspire a Dream Foundation serves the greater Philadelphia region and South Jersey. It is our hope to make a significant difference in the lives of children by encouraging their dreams. [www.plantaseedfoundation.org](http://www.plantaseedfoundation.org). | [Michele@plantaseedfoundation.org](mailto:Michele@plantaseedfoundation.org)  267-367-5348 |

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| **TechGirlz** | TechGirlz offers free workshops to get girls interested in different kinds of technology, show them varied career options, and connect them with professionals in technology fields. Through free hands-on TechShopz, we show them that technology can match their interests and be fun and rewarding. | Sam Rossman ([outreach@techgirlz.org](mailto:outreach@techgirlz.org))  Danica Pascavage ([danica@techgirlz.org](mailto:danica@techgirlz.org)) |

***Final Thoughts***

***Please watch video***

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DITdTSmdB98